

increase availability of silk waste in the domestic market, and in the current EXIM Policy the imports of silk waste have been placed under Open General Licence (OGL).

Export target fixed by textile industry

@4388. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ⁴LALAN":

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact a target had been fixed by the textile industry for exports during the year 2002-2001;

(b) if so, the target so fixed in terms of amount in context of cotton, cotton thread, clothes and garments; and

(c) whether the target fixed for exports would be achieved during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUAMR): (a) to (c) The target fixed by the Government for the export of textile (including cotton, cotton thread, clothes and garments) during the year 2000-2001 and the achievements during the period April-February, 2000-2001, are given below:

(In US Million Dollar)

S. No,	Items	Target (2000-2001)	Achievement (Apr. 2000-Feb. 2001)
1	2	3	4
1.	Readymade Garments	6500	4896.3
2.	Cotton Textiles (a+b+c)	4750	2784.6
	(a) Cotton Fabrics & Madeups (MM/PL)	2400	1202.5
	(b) Cotton Fabrics & Madeups (HL)#	650	292.0

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1	2	3	4
	(c) Cotton Yarn	1700	1290.1
3.	Man made Textiles	1150	855.2
4.	Silk	330	310.2
5.	Wool & Woollens#	315	173.6

Source : Textile Export Promotion Councils

#Export figures pertain to April-December, 2000-2001.

The industry feels confident of achieving the target substantially.

Problems of Weavers in Andhra Pradesh

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SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the fact that many weavers in Andhra Pradesh have committed suicide;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government propose to take any concrete and effective steps to solve the problems of weavers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) As per report received, weavers of powerloom community, over a period of two years, in and around Sircilla division of Karim Nagar District of Andhra Pradesh have committed suicides due to the following reasons:-

- (i) High incidence of indebtedness.
- (ii) High power tariff and lack of un-interrupted power supply.
- (iii) Prevalence of diseases.
- (iv) Poor marketability of end product i.e. low quality fabric due to obsolete and low technology looms.

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